

MINUTES

Regular meetings of the City Council and the Redlands Financing Authority of the City of Redlands held in the Council Chambers, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, on September 16, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Present: Mario Saucedo, Mayor
Marc Shaw, Mayor Pro Tempore
Paul Barich, Council Member
Eddie Tejada, Council Member
Denise Davis, Council Member

Staff: Charles M. Duggan, Jr., City Manager; Yvette M. Abich Garcia, City Attorney; Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk; Phillip Doolittle, City Treasurer; Janice McConnell, Assistant City Manager; Chris Boatman, Assistant City Manager; Carl Baker, Public Information Officer; Danielle Garcia, Management Services/Finance Director; Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director; John Harris, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director; Rich Sessler, Fire Chief; Jeremy Floyd, Deputy Police Chief; Tabitha Crocker, Facilities and Community Services Director; Robert Meteau, HR/Risk Management Director

Mayor Saucedo called the meeting to order and explained that comments could be presented in-person, via Zoom, via cell phone or landline. He offered the public an opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda for the closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with legal counsel: Existing Litigation - Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)
(City Attorney Garcia)
One Case.

a. Holzer v. City of Redlands, et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. CIVSB2322787

Conference with real property negotiators - Government Code §54956.8
(Assistant City Manager Boatman)

Property:	APN: 0292-166-08-0000 (Grove School)
Agency Negotiators:	Charles M. Duggan, City Manager; Christopher Boatman, Assistant City Manager
Negotiating Party:	Dr. Michelle Sweezey, Head of School, The Grove School
Under Negotiation:	Terms of possible property transfer to The Grove School

Performance Evaluations of Public Employees – Government Code §54957(b)(1)
Position: City Manager

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 P.M. with an invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was conducted by Cram Elementary School Council.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Garcia announced the following report related to Closed Session actions:

Item C.1 - No reportable action

Item C.2 - No reportable action, with Council Member Davis recusing herself from voting due to property ownership within 500 feet of the Grove School

Item C.3 - This item was not discussed during Closed Session

PRESENTATIONS

Adult Literacy Proclamation

Mayor Saucedo presented the Adult Literacy Proclamation to Don McCue, Director, A.K. Smiley Library, Board Chair Bill Hatfield, Diane Shimota, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Katherine Gifford, Adult Tutor, and Katerina Biryukova, Adult Learner, recognizing September 28, 2025 as Adult Literacy Day. Ms. Biryukova recounted her personal experiences as an adult learner, and she shared how her life has been enriched through her participation in the program.

Proclamation Recognizing Eddie Chacon's 100th Birthday

Mayor Saucedo presented a proclamation recognizing Eddie Chacon's 100th Birthday, to his daughter, Karen Chacon. Standing beside Ms. Chacon were several members of Post 650, who enthusiastically supported the celebration, honoring Eddie Chacon's military service and his dedication to his family and the community.

Recognition Military Service Member Banner Facilities and Community Services Director Crocker and Mayor Saucedo presented a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing the military service of Army Sergeant First Class Jeffrey D. Rendler, to his parents, Michele and Dan Rendler. Along with the Certificate, Director Crocker proudly presented the retired banner honoring Sergeant First Class Rendler, which was flown over the streets of Redlands from July 2015 to July 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Freeway Signage - Udo Rollberg was concerned with signs he saw posted on the freeway overpass near Wabash Avenue, related to the recent killing of Charlie Kirk. He said the words were inflammatory. He condemned all forms of violence and urged everyone to be mindful about choosing rhetoric that could be divisive.

As clarification, City Manager Duggan pointed out the City does not have jurisdiction over freeway overpasses. Instead, freeway overpasses fall under the jurisdiction of Caltrans, and it is the City's practice to inform them immediately of anything posted on their property.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the regular meeting of September 2, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation September 28, 2025 Adult Literacy Day

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation declaring September 28, 2025 as Adult Literacy Day in the City of Redlands.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Proclamation Recognizing Eddie Chacon's 100th Birthday

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the issuance of a proclamation recognizing Eddie Chacon's 100th Birthday.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Settlement Agreement Disclosure

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the public disclosure of details of an Agreement of Settlement and General Release between the City of Redlands and Flynn Restaurant Group/Apple So Cal LLC (Flynn). Under the terms of the agreement, the City agrees to pay Flynn \$55,000 to settle and dispose of disputes and controversies associated with a civil action pending in the San Bernardino Superior Court and entitled Flynn Restaurant Group/Apple So Cal LLC v. City of Redlands; San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIVSB 2412340.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Final Map Approval Tract No. 20528

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Final Map for Tract No. 20528 submitted by Meritage Homes. The project site is located at 1160 W. Pioneer Avenue, on the north side of Pioneer Avenue and west side of Citrus Valley High School.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8714 Summary Street Vacation No. 197

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 8714 for Street Vacation No. 197, a request to vacate a small portion of Ramona Drive, consisting of approximately 77 linear feet (1,200 square-feet) of public right-of-way, located adjacent to the property at 1300 Prospect Drive. The subject portion of right-of-way is located at the southeast corner of 1300 Prospect Drive (APN: 0174-012-07-0000). This proposal qualifies for exemption from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Local Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Local Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Redlands and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest; and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Aerial Imagery Services Products Agreement Nearmap US, Inc

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Products Agreement with Nearmap US, Inc. to provide aerial imagery services for an amount not-to-exceed \$72,213 for three years.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Cal-ID/Identix Annual Payment

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously authorized, by roll call vote, the annual payment to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (Cal-ID/Identix) in the amount of \$85,781.28 for Redlands Police Department's Fingerprint Identification Services.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Amending Liftoff LLC Microsoft Office 365 Software Licensing / Consulting Services

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Liftoff LLC for Microsoft Office 365 software licensing and consulting services. The amendment would allow the City to reallocate unspent funds from the previous 4 years of the original agreement to Year 5 of the agreement, the final year, to account for the increased cost of software licenses and any additional licensing needs that may arise.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Intergovernmental Agreement Burtronics Business Systems Print Services

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Intergovernmental agreement with Burtronics Business Systems for Managed Print Services for an initial term of three years for \$175,000, with an option for a one-year extended term for a total amount not-to-exceed \$235,000 for as-needed services.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Annual Report PARIS Program

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously agreed, by roll call vote, to receive and file the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) Program annual report.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

PO Joint Utilities Laboratory Consumables and Supplies

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of a purchase order with Evantec Corporation is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved a purchase order with Evantec Corporation for Joint Utilities Laboratory Consumables and Supplies for a total amount not-to-exceed \$83,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Redlands Police Department Tow Services Agreements

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the Redlands Police Department's Tow Services Agreements with Rotational Tow Applicants: Broncs Towing Inc., Pepe's Towing Service, Wilson's Towing, and Armada Towing for the Term 2025-2028.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ABC Grant Agreement

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, the agreement between the City and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for the grant provided by the Alcohol Policing

Partnership (APP) program; approved the additional appropriation of \$42,648 in grant funds to the Police Department; and authorized the Chief of Police to sign and execute any necessary agreements related to the grant.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Program Grant Award

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the grant award from the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Program; and authorized an additional appropriation of \$40,000 to the Police Department.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

In-Kind Support Redlands Turkey Trot Event

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Eddie Tejeda, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that the approval of the event is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15311(c) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; authorized the expenditure of city resources and in-kind support in the amount of \$16,397.00 related to the Redlands Turkey Trot event hosted by Phoenix Hope International; and authorized the temporary street closures related to the event, scheduled to be held on November 27, 2025.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COMMUNICATIONS

Ad Hoc Committee Lead Labor Negotiator Report & Recommendation

At the regular meeting of July 15, 2025, the City Council authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Shaw and Council Member Davis to the committee. The purpose of the committee was to interview experienced labor negotiators and make a recommendation for a lead labor negotiator to the full Council at a regular meeting in September. Mayor Pro Tem Shaw and Council Member Davis each offered their perspectives regarding the interviews for the selection of a Lead Labor Negotiator, and they recommended John Bakhit of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to the full Council. Mayor Saucedo and Council Member Tejeda thanked them for their time and thoughtful decisions.

On motion of Council Member Eddie Tejeda, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously agreed, by roll call vote, to direct staff to retain John Bakhit of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to serve as the City's lead labor negotiator for the City's upcoming contract negotiations with its bargaining units.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Revenue Generating Ballot Measures for November 2026 Election

Council Member Tejeda opened the discussion, explaining his interest in pursuing new revenue sources to support City services, and in particular, he summarized three options for taxing distribution centers and warehouses. Two of these options would increase an existing tax, and the third would impose a new tax to support police and fire services. City Manager Duggan noted that staff conducted initial research to provide general information about each option. Upon direction from the Council regarding which alternative they may wish to pursue, staff would provide a more detailed report at a future meeting.

As public comment, Dennis Bell was adamantly opposed to any increase in taxes and urged the Council to be better stewards of the revenue they currently receive. Bill Blankenship, of NAIOP IE, voiced concerns that increasing taxes on the logistics industry may not be the right approach, particularly since the intended use of the additional revenue was unclear. Instead, he recommended the City explore alternative financing methods, such as bonds.

Council Members discussed at length the merits of the various options, as presented. Ultimately, they were not convinced that raising taxes was the best path forward at this time. However, there was full consensus for staff to conduct an internal review of the existing paramedic parcel assessment, option #2, as shown in the staff report. Questions to be addressed and answered included: 1) Amount of revenue currently generated by the paramedic parcel assessment; 2) Current costs of the paramedic program; Is the program underfunded and, if so, by what amount; 3) Recommendations for closing the program's funding gap. It was agreed that staff would present the results at the next City Council meeting, scheduled for October 7, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Property Management Services Agreement for Project Home Key

Homeless Solution Manager David Rabindranath provided background on the Homeless Resource Services Agreement with Many Mansions for property management services for the Project Home Key located at 1675 Industrial Ave. Redlands, for an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 for a period of one year with two additional one-year renewal options for a total compensation not-to-exceed \$900,000. In 2022, the City converted the former Good Nite Inn into 98 studio apartments to maintain the facility as a permanent supportive housing complex for the formerly unhoused population. In order to ensure the long-term success of the project, the City committed to providing annual financial support for the project for the first 7 years, totaling approximately \$3.5 million dollars.

Under the proposed agreement, Many Mansions would be responsible for managing all aspects of the property, including leasing, rent collection, and maintenance, while ensuring compliance with local regulations and federal housing standards. Many Mansions will also administer tenant selection according to Project Homekey guidelines, prioritizing low-income households. In addition, they would work to maintain positive tenant relations, with an emphasis on counseling and referrals, and would oversee both preventive maintenance and emergency repairs as needed. Assistant City Manager Boatman pointed out that no additional funds were required for this contract.

Representing Many Mansions, President Rick Schroeder and Executive Director Douglas Menges introduced themselves and offered an overview of the company and their mission. Mayor Pro Tem

Shaw asked how often the leadership team would visit the site, and in response, Mr. Schroeder confirmed the company's structure is designed for a direct and involved approach to property management.

On motion of Council Member Paul Barich, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the homeless resource services agreement with Many Mansions for property management services for Project Homekey is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; and approved the Agreement with Many Mansions for property management services for the Project Home Key located at 1675 Industrial Avenue, Redlands, in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 for a period of one year with two additional one-year renewal options for a total compensation not-to-exceed \$900,000.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution No. 8715 CDBG Funding 2025-2026

Development Services Director Desatnik presented the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$326,470 from the County of San Bernardino. On August 6, 2025, the City was notified of the 2025-2026 CDBG final funding award for six total projects that were approved by City Council on December 17, 2024. Five projects are community-based organizations and one is a Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The final award and amounts are as follows:

- Redlands Sylvan Park Restroom/ADA Improvements - \$279,770
- FSA of Redlands - Housing and Food Program - \$9,340
- Boys and Girls Club - Family Strengthening Program - \$9,340
- YMCA of the East Valley - Legal Services - \$9,340
- Girls on the Run - Youth Fitness Program - \$9,340
- Partners Against Violence - Services for Victims of Violence - \$9,340

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously accepted, by roll call vote, the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant funding award in the amount of \$326,470; authorized an additional appropriation of \$326,470 for the 2025-2026 CDBG fiscal year; and adopted Resolution No. 8715 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, amendments and other related documents associated with the 2025-2026 CDBG Program Year.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Sole Source Procurement & MOU Apple Valley Fire Protection District

Fire Chief Sessler described a Sole Source Procurement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Redlands and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District for outfitting services of Fire Department light fleet emergency vehicles for a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 over the initial and extended terms, to expedite the installation of essential emergency equipment, addressing delays experienced with other vendors. By utilizing Apple Valley Fire Protection

District's fleet service resources, the City can ensure a quicker, more efficient deployment of fully equipped emergency vehicles, enhancing operational readiness.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Denise Davis, the City Council unanimously approved, by roll call vote, a Sole Source Procurement via Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Redlands and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District for Outfitting Services of Fire Department light fleet emergency vehicles for a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 over the initial and extended terms.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Resolution of Intention CALPERS Amendment

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Météau reviewed the Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Redlands. The City is required to adopt a Resolution of Intention as the initial step in the formal amendment process. The proposed amendment seeks to remove the current language excluding hourly employees from CalPERS membership, which is currently embedded in the contract between the City and the CalPERS Board of Administration. It is CalPERS' recommendation to remove the exclusion and utilize Government Code section 20305.

Adoption of the Resolution of Intention initiates the amendment process. The next step is for the City to introduce and adopt an Ordinance authorizing the amendment to the contract, which then allows CalPERS to proceed with the preparation of the final amendment documents for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

On motion of Mayor Mario Saucedo, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously adopted, by roll call vote, a Resolution of Intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Redlands to remove the hourly exclusion language from the contract.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

Contract Award 2025 Alley Paving Improvement Project

Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Harris highlighted a Public Works Contract with All American Building Services for the 2025 Alley Paving Improvement Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$465,000.15. The Project will resurface four alleys and also remove and replace driveways and sidewalks where necessary, protect and/or replace existing utilities, trees, power poles, public and private improvements, survey monuments, construct drainage facilities, and restore all areas and improvements to pre-construction conditions.

On motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Marc Shaw, seconded by Council Member Paul Barich, the City Council unanimously determined, by roll call vote, that approval of the contract and construction of the 2025 Alley Paving Improvement Project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15301(c) of the State's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act; approved the 2025 Alley Paving Improvement Project plans and

specifications, and awarded a Public Works Contract to All American Building Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$465,000.15.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Mayor Saucedo reported about his travels on the new Zero Emission Multiple Unit (ZEMU) train, which has just arrived and become operational. It is powered by a hybrid hydrogen fuel cell and battery system. He participated in the Mobility 21 2025 Southern California Transportation Summit, bringing together several regional agencies to build and grow partnerships for the future. He enjoyed the Smiley Library Live event highlighting Hispanic Heritage month.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw and Council Member Barich attended the Youth Hope Car Show at Sylvan Park.

Council Member Tejeda enjoyed the Smiley Library Live event highlighting Hispanic Heritage month.

Council Member Davis traveled on the new Zero Emission Multiple Unit (ZEMU) train, participated in an event with students from UC Riverside School of Public Policy, and she reminded everyone that applications for the upcoming session of the Redlands Youth Council are due by September 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Barich requested to close the meeting in honor of Charlie Kirk, who was murdered in a senseless shooting last week. There being no further action required, Mayor Saucedo adjourned meeting at 7:17 P.M. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands City Council will be held on October 7, 2025.

REDLANDS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Chairman Saucedo called the meeting to order and offered anyone present the opportunity to address the Board on any subject, not already on the agenda, within the jurisdiction of the Redlands Financing Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming

Minutes

On motion of Board Member Barich, seconded by Board Member Tejeda, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2025, were unanimously approved, by roll call vote.

Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Redlands Financing Authority adjourned at 7:18 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Agency will be held on January 20, 2026.

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